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Levy summons Egyptian envoy to protest Cairo's anti-Israel attacks

FOREIGN Minister David Levy will summon Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny to his office this morning to complain about hostile words from Cairo, officials in the Prime Minister's Office said.

The disturbing remarks include yesterday's published remarks by Foreign Minister Amr Moussa in which he suggested linking bilateral ties to a whole host of developments in the peace process.

Speaking to reporters yesterday in Cairo, Deputy Foreign Minister Fathi Shazli charged that members of the Netanyahu government are talking like "dinosaurs" and called them "amateur politicians."

He also said that Israel could never be a pivotal player in the region, since "it has a historical role which can only be seen as negative in every way."

At the same time, Moussa reportedly gave an interview to the semi-official *Al-Ahram* daily in which he said that Israel must take steps to move the peace process forward, or bilateral ties would suffer. Moussa said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu still has the "next few weeks" to resolve the issues at hand.

The remarks are the latest in the war of words between Cairo and Jerusalem. Last week, Defense Minister Mubammad Hussein Tantawi made clear that Egypt was holding its biggest military maneuvers in history, dubbed "Badr '96," due to concern about Israel attacking Egypt with non-conventional weapons.

DAVID MAKOVSKY, HILLEL KUTLER and news agencies

last spring. The Netanyahu government should desist from its "trial balloon" of "Lebanon first."

Netanyahu privately complained about this to visiting US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross, and he also criticized remarks by President Hosni Mubarak, who threatened to cancel the regional economic summit in November unless Israel made tangible progress on the peace process.

Mubarak has subsequently backed down from his threat, and the summit is to take place as scheduled.

Morever, in an interview in *Der Spiegel*, Mubarak predicted that a new Palestinian uprising would break out if there is no progress on peace, and said this time the uprising would not be limited to stones.

When asked about Netanyahu's concern over Egyptian military maneuvers, Mubarak said that if Netanyahu was so worried about the maneuvers, he should have phoned. The five issues Moussa reportedly told *Al-Ahram* he expects Israel to resolve in the next few weeks are:

- Israel should immediately pull back in Hebron.
- Israel should begin final status talks with the Palestinians. These talks are supposed to be concluded in May 1999.
- Israel should ease the closure.
- Israel should resume peace talks with Syria where they left off



American cardiologist Michael DeBakey (right) is met by Yevgeny Chazov, the head of Moscow's Cardiological Research Center, as he arrives in the Russian capital yesterday. DeBakey and local doctors are to decide tomorrow whether Russian President Boris Yeltsin's health is good enough to withstand bypass surgery.

Top American surgeon in Moscow; Yeltsin surgery postponement likely

MOSCOW (AP) - Amid increasing signs Boris Yeltsin's heart bypass surgery will be postponed, a top American cardiologist arrived here yesterday to help assess the president, as the Communists renewed calls for him to resign.

Dr. Michael DeBakey, his advice sought by an anxious Kremlin, joins a medical team that will examine Yeltsin tomorrow to determine if he can withstand surgery.

Top Russian surgeons, who invited DeBakey, are talking about delaying the operation because of related health concerns.

While declaring "I'm always optimistic," DeBakey told reporters he could give no specifics because he had not seen Yeltsin. He was whisked away to a government guest house, with officials trying to avoid a media corps that made his arrival the top story on Russian TV newscasts.

But the credibility of terse Kremlin reports that portray Yeltsin's bypass surgery as without complications have faltered apart in recent days, challenged by sources, including the top doctors themselves.

Russian stocks fell 3 percent yesterday on concerns about the 65-year-old president's health.

In Washington, President Bill Clinton said he isn't worried about instability stem-

ming from Yeltsin's health, because Russia has "come a long way in developing the constitutional mechanisms of authority" since Soviet times.

"They have worked out the relationships that will exist between President Yeltsin and Prime Minister [Viktor] Chernomyrdin," Clinton said. "I feel comfortable right now that our relationships will proceed on a normal course and a positive one."

Dr. Renat Akchurin, Yeltsin's surgeon, said over the weekend that the operation may have to be delayed for up to two months, until Yeltsin's health is stabilized. Yeltsin, who has been in the Kremlin hospital since September 13, said earlier the operation would be late this month and reportedly is pressing doctors to operate.

Yeltsin press spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembski said yesterday that "the operation most probably won't take place this month, but the final decision will be made by doctors at Wednesday's consultation."

Akchurin said in a Russian television interview aired Sunday that proceeding with the operation at an early date "might entail some risk."

Without going into specifics, he suggested Yeltsin may have been overdoing things recently, such as fishing and hunting,

which are "not recommended."

Presidential aides confirmed that Yeltsin had been hunting and fishing at a private hunting lodge, and doctors were concerned he was overexerting himself. Yeltsin was being kept in the hospital so he could rest, lose weight, and build up his strength for the operation, they said.

The *Financial Times*, citing unidentified sources, said that Yeltsin suffered a stroke and cannot work for more than 15 minutes daily.

Yastrzhembski issued a statement flatly denying the report, which he said was "literally stuffed with unverified information and references to anonymous sources." He said the report had caused a "considerable drop of the rating of Russia's foreign debt paper" on the London exchange.

Despite the widespread speculation that Yeltsin is seriously ill and has been ruing the government, he has longer seen on television meeting with aides regularly and appears to be in overall control.

But talk about a delay in the surgery and more serious problems has intensified the political ruckus over both his health and his reluctance to step aside for all but the briefest time.

Communists want Yeltsin to quit
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IDF, SLA on alert as Lebanon remains tense

DAVID RUDGE

IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remained on full alert over Yom Kippur, as tension remained high following recent clashes with Hizbullah.

Reports on Lebanese radio stations said the Lebanese army was continuing to move troops closer to the northern perimeter of the security zone.

According to the reports, hundreds of Lebanese soldiers, including commando units, have been redeployed in positions west of the Bekaa Valley.

The reports quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that the army is designed to preempt any attempts to carry out a large-scale operation against Hizbullah. Iran's ambassador in Lebanon has claimed that Israel is planning such an operation.

Israel, however, has tried to play down the recent incidents in south Lebanon, as well as the tension with Syria. Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said on Sunday that the recent fighting in south Lebanon did not constitute an escalation, but was simply part of the ongoing battle there.

"There's no escalation; there's a war. Every time there is a clash and there are casualties, it is described as an escalation. In my opinion, this is not the correct

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Netanyahu leaves today for three-day European tour

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu departs today on a three-day, three-nation tour of London, Paris, and Bonn, his first official visit to Europe since becoming premier.

One Netanyahu aide termed the visit a series of courtesy calls, but the prime minister is expected to reiterate that if visiting European foreign ministers visit Orient House, the PLO headquarters in eastern Jerusalem, then he will not meet with them.

In general, Netanyahu says such visits by the Europeans would be outdoing the Palestinians.

"The Palestinian side signed a solemn pledge not to have any Palestinian Authority government activity in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said last week. "I would find it astonishing that Europe would try to be more Palestinian than the Palestinians by sending ministers to Orient House."

Netanyahu will not visit Ireland, which holds the rotating six-month presidency of the European Union, and which has already announced that its foreign minister would visit Orient House.

Another Netanyahu aide said that Israel is willing to listen to European ideas for "a role in the peace process, as long as it is understood that the responsibility for resolving the issues rests with the regional parties themselves."

Netanyahu flies to London today and will meet Prime Minister John Major. Tomorrow morning, he will meet with Labor Party leader Tony Blair and former premier Margaret Thatcher.

Afterwards, he heads to Paris, where he will have lunch with President Jacques Chirac and meet

Prime Minister Alain Juppe. Chirac is to visit the Middle East in late October.

Netanyahu will also meet with French businessmen, before attending a gathering of local Likud activists. (See story, Page 2)

On Thursday, Netanyahu will fly to Germany. First, he will visit Bergen-Belsen. Subsequently, he will meet with members of the Jewish community, before holding talks in Bonn with Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Officials indicated that one of the issues Netanyahu is likely to raise during his trip, in Germany in particular, is aid for Jordan. Officials say this was one of the subjects that came up during the Sunday meeting between Dore Gold, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, and King Hussein. Germany has funded a feasibility study for building a dam on the Yarmouk River, but has not committed the hundreds of millions of dollars needed for the dam's construction.

Netanyahu returns here late Thursday night.

ME development bank unlikely, as Congress refuses funding

DAVID MAKOVSKY

CONGRESS delivered a major setback, if not a final blow, to the establishment of a Middle East Development Bank last week, congressional sources said.

Clinton administration officials had hoped that a conference meeting on the foreign aid budget for next year, involving leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, would insert either an appropriation or a symbolic authorization to support the establishment of the bank.

However, these sources said an effort to approve any authorization failed at a meeting last Wednesday. While an authorization was proposed by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (Democrat-New Jersey), it was rejected by two key players in the foreign aid budgeting process, Sen. Mitch McConnell (Republican-Kentucky) and Coog. Sonny Callahan (Republican-Alabama).

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was originally cool to the idea of the bank and only made a push for it during his July visit to (Continued on Page 2)

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French Jewish leaders fume over perceived Netanyahu snub

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PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision to attend a rally of the local Likud branch during his short stay in Paris this week, instead of participating at a meeting organized by the leadership of the French Jewish community, has angered the leaders of Europe's second largest Jewish community.

Traditionally every official visit by an Israeli prime minister includes a dinner with leaders of the Jewish community, organized by the Representative Council of the Jewish Institutions in France (CRIF). During a meeting in Jerusalem this summer, CRIF president Henri Hajdenberg had invited Netanyahu to such an event.

However, the CRIF was informed by representatives of the Likud in France last week that Netanyahu would not attend the dinner, but instead would make a speech at a dinner organized by the Likud-France.

The decision was interpreted by the leaders of the local community as an attempt to impose the Likud-France as an alternative leadership to the CRIF. In the past, Jacques Kupfer, the chairman of Likud-France, had accused the CRIF of not being representative of the community, as it supported the Labor government's policies. The CRIF has traditionally backed every Israeli government.

Netanyahu's decision is seen as unprecedented intervention in the community's internal affairs. Moreover, Kupfer is considered

by many within the French Jewish community as representing the extreme radical wing of the Likud. His past anti-Labor statements - including comparing Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres to the leaders of the Vichy regime - have provoked severe criticism and resentment. Hours after Rabin's assassination, Kupfer declared in a radio interview that he regretted the assassination, since he thought Rabin deserved to be court-martialed.

Israeli and Jewish sources here said that by choosing to back Kupfer instead of accepting the CRIF invitation, Netanyahu gave the impression of backing the most radical elements in the community, and deepened the split within it.

"Netanyahu's decision risks creating a division in our community," Hajdenberg said. "In the same way that a prime minister must be the person that brings together his nation, he must try to bring together all Jews, not only those that belong to one political camp."

Responding to Netanyahu's decision, the CRIF decided to cancel the mass meeting it planned to hold in his honor, and to replace it with a meeting between the prime minister and the council's 10-member executive committee for "a serious and frank discussion."

Sources said that the Israeli Embassy was not consulted by the Prime Minister's Office as to the consequences of the decision to attend the Likud rally.



A Jewish boy stands by a memorial at Babi Yar on Sunday during a ceremony marking the anniversary of the Nazi massacre in 1941. (Reuters)

Anniversary of Babi Yar massacre marked

KIEV (AP) - Tossing carnations into an overgrown Kiev ravine where 33,771 Jews were murdered over a two-day period, mourners on Sunday marked the 55th anniversary of the Nazi massacre at Babi Yar.

About 1,000 people marched solemnly - Jews from down the street and across the ocean, alongside Ukrainians who hid Jewish neighbors from Hitler's army during the Nazi occupation.

"The memory haunts all of humanity," said Rabbi Yakov Bleich, clutching a prayer book as he stood on the edge of the ravine called Babi Yar. He recently moved from Brooklyn to become Kiev's main rabbi. "It was their first mass murder. It was the training ground for [the Nazis'] genocide," he said.

According to the Hebrew calendar, Sunday marked 55 years after the September 29-30, 1941, massacre. The mourners recreated the ominous journey taken by some 34,000 Kiev Jews, down a tree-lined street to a Nazi encampment on the site of a former Jewish cemetery.

The victims had been ordered to come with their belongings and poured in for two days, most expecting deportation.

"Some of my Jewish friends thought they were lucky that they would be taken away from the hell that Kiev had become," said Valery Konchakovskiy, 70.

Instead, the Nazis seized the Jews' possessions, forced them to undress, and shot them en masse. Those who survived the bullets were buried alive

when soldiers dumped sand down the ravine to conceal the mounting pile of corpses.

In terror, Konchakovskiy watched the death march from his backyard as a teenager, listening as rhythmic machine-gun fire echoed from Babi Yar.

In the ensuing months, periodic mass executions of Jews and other Soviet citizens at the site continued, bringing the estimated death toll to 150,000.

In 1943, Jewish prisoners were forced to dig up and burn the bodies. The Red Army was approaching, and the Nazis wanted to hide the massacres.

On Sunday, Jewish children whose grandparents died at Babi Yar gathered with witnesses like Konchakovskiy around a 3.5-meter high menorah, a monument to the victims erected in 1991.

Jewish leaders from Israel and the United States gave speeches in Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian. Teary-eyed elderly women lay candles along the edge of the quiet ravine. Young men in kippot stood nearby, swaying in silent prayer.

"The worst thing we can do is forget," Bleich said. Both the Nazis and the Soviets tried to erase the memory of the terror. When the Soviet leadership finally built a monument at Babi Yar two decades after the massacre, it didn't mention Jews. Jewish organizations later installed the menorah monument.

Before the war, one out of every three Kiev residents was Jewish. Now, an estimated 95,000 Jews live in the city of three million.

Gold holds pre-Yom Kippur talks in Amman

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold flew to Amman Sunday where he held what were described as "routine" brief talks with Jordan's King Hussein before returning prior to the beginning of Yom Kippur.

Officials say the meeting follows a pattern whereby before Netanyahu makes trips abroad, he first consults with King Hussein. "The consultations on bilateral and regional issues were routine. There was nothing dramatic," an official said.

Hussein dispatched a helicopter for Gold, which brought him from Jerusalem to Amman and back before the holiday.

The official acknowledged that one of the issues raised was Netanyahu's willingness to support aid to Jordan during his trip to Europe this week. Germany has funded a feasibility study to build

a dam on the Yarmouk River, but so far has not come up with the hundreds of million dollars needed to fund the construction of the actual dam.

Gold also briefed Hussein on the status of peace talks with the Palestinians, the official said, who seemed to shrug off the authenticity of a report in the Jordanian media that the trip was arranged so that Jordan could complain about settlement expansion in the territories.

However, Jordanian officials said the issue of settlement expansion in the West Bank did come up. "The issue of settlements is of great concern to us," a Jordanian government official said, adding the agenda also covered bilateral issues stemming from the 1994 Jordan-Israeli peace treaty, including implementation of a trade accord.

Palace officials declined to comment on the talks.

Arafat calls Netanyahu with New Year greetings

Jerusalem Post Staff and Tim

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat called Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Sunday to wish him *shana tova* - a happy New Year.

Netanyahu's office said the prime minister thanked Arafat and said: "We stand at the start of a year that will be a good year for Israel and the Palestinians."

An Israeli statement said Netanyahu voiced disappointment at Palestinian charges that there had been no progress in peace negotiations.

"The reality, as everyone knows, is different, and there is progress all the time," said the statement. It did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, Jamil Hamami, a Hamas leader in Judea and Samaria, conveyed Rob Hashana greetings to Israel's rabbis. The greetings were conveyed through Rabbi Meoahem Froman, the rabbi of Tekoa, who is known for his contacts with Moslem religious leaders.

In his letter of greeting, Hamami said the land belongs only to God, "who gives it to whomever he chooses from among those who believe in Him. We believe that the entire land has no value if we do not live on it in happiness and tranquility, or if there is not a just peace."

Hamami asked Froman to convey his greetings to all of Israel's rabbis, because they are able to convince others that a just peace is in the interest of the entire region.

Froman is to be given the Avi Chai Prize for \$756 at a ceremony at the President's Residence tomorrow. The prize is awarded annually to an Israeli who contributes to strengthening understanding and mutual goodwill among various segments of the Jewish community.

Avi Chai is a private foundation, established in 1984. It works in Israel and the US to promote inter-group relations.

Top Clinton fundraiser meets with Netanyahu

AMY KLEIN

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu met with Brooklyn Democratic councilman Noah Dear on Sunday in a meeting that Dear said was intended "to dismiss reports that Netanyahu and US President Bill Clinton are not friendly with each other."

Dear, one of Clinton's top fund-raisers, has already raised over \$1 million for the upcoming presidential election, mostly amassed from the US haredi community.

Dear represents the Orthodox neighborhoods of Boro Park and Flatbush. He advises the White House in an official capacity on issues relating to the Orthodox community in the US, and sometimes Israel.

Dear, who left last night, was here to raise support for American Democrats abroad.

Soldiers wound Palestinian after jeep crash, confrontation

THREE IDF soldiers were lightly injured yesterday, when a car driven by a Palestinian crashed into their jeep near Alfei Menashe.

When the three approached the vehicle, the driver threatened them with a gas canister, then tried to escape. They ordered him to stop, but he refused and they fired at him, seriously wounding him. He was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. IDF officers in the region are investigating the incident.

Meanwhile, an IDF patrol on duty along the border was fired at from the Rafiah region yesterday, but there were no injuries or damage.

The soldiers returned fire and launched a search of the area. A Palestinian Police unit which also took part in the search found cartridges in an area near Rafiah on the Palestinian side of the border fence. The IDF and the Palestinian Police launched an investigation. (Tim)

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complaints from Israel and Lebanon about breaches of the understandings.

Representatives from the US, France, Israel, Syria, and Lebanon discussed the complaints for several hours, but were unable to reach any conclusions. The committee is to reconvene this morning to conclude its deliberations.

Lebanon claims that the IDF breached the understandings by firing at villages north of the zone, wounding a woman and reportedly damaging several homes.

Israel, however, charged that Hizbullah had first broken the understandings by firing from inside residential areas north of the zone.

Qatar reportedly delaying opening of trade office here

KUWAIT (AP) - Qatar, one of two Arab Gulf states to establish channels for economic ties with Israel, said it has postponed the opening of its trade office in Israel.

Sheik Hamad bin Jassim Al Thani, Qatar's foreign minister, told Kuwait's *Al-Rai Al-Aam* daily in an interview published over the weekend that Qatar has informed Israel of the "cooling" in relations between the two countries.

"But we have not cut our relations with them," Sheik Hamad said. "Their office is open in Qatar, but we have postponed the opening of our office for a specific period of time." He did not say how long.

The minister had said several months ago that Doha would not

open the office.

He told *Al-Rai Al-Aam* Israel has to "start working on all (peace) process tracks," and that Israeli officials have been informed they were "destroying the lines we were building for peace, and we cannot cooperate with you against an Arab brother."

Qatar and Oman broke away last year from their other Gulf Arab partners when they agreed to exchange economic missions with Israel.

Doha has been discussing a deal under which it would sell natural gas to Israel.

Sheik Jassim told the daily the deal was signed with an American company which was "given the freedom to sell to Israel or any other country."

BANK

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Washington, but it appears this was not sufficient.

The establishment of the bank was the centerpiece of the US-backed Araman economic conference last fall and was at the heart of former prime minister Shimon Peres's vision of a "New Middle East."

It remains unclear if this will affect the upcoming Middle East economic summit scheduled for Cairo in November, especially as the Egyptian capital was supposed to host the bank.

Neither the House of Representatives nor Senate foreign aid legislation included funding for the bank in its estimated \$12 billion foreign aid bill.

The US had originally agreed to provide more than \$260 million, or 21 percent, of the bank's start-up capital over five years. The bank was to finance infrastructure projects in Egypt, Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian autonomous areas.

When Labor was in power, Peres lobbied strenuously on behalf of the bank, and by getting Arab countries to endorse the notion, convinced the Clinton administration to support the endeavor. As a symbolic gesture, Clinton administration officials registered the non-existent bank at the UN earlier this month.

Republicans in Congress have been generally skeptical of regional development banks, and slashed US support for other such regional banks for the next fiscal year.

Without American funding, there is little chance the bank will be established. The bank was opposed by leading countries in Europe, which insisted Middle East projects could be funded by existing financial institutions such as the European Investment Bank.



US Ambassador Martin Indyk (left) stands alongside Yemmy Strum, chairwoman of the English-speaking Friends of Tel Aviv University, and TAU President Yoram Dinstein at last week's presentation of the AACI Achievement Award to Tel Aviv University. The award, which honors TAU for "opening its doors to the English-speaking community," marked the kickoff of the English-speaking Friends' 1996/97 season.

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government, a policy, that is negative, that is going against the trend of peace ... The government would certainly be isolated. Why should you discuss anything with a government that doesn't respect you or your rights?"

Meanwhile, Shazli said "the language used by Israeli officials is the language of dinosaurs. It goes against the logic of this age. This language provokes disgust,

because Israel is a party to what is called the peace process and it has obligations towards various other parties."

He complained about Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's warnings regarding Syrian troop movements in Lebanon and Mt. Hermon. "This banging of war drums by Israeli officials and the

threat to resort to the military option will not help create the necessary groundwork for the success of any peace efforts because it will doubtless create equal reactions," he said.

He said that Israel could never be a dominant force in the region because of the historical baggage

it carries. "Israel is just a limited market. It lacks the demographic and human resources and its cultural influence is non-existent ... It brings to mind bad memories at the regional level," he added.

Bassiouny said last night that "I am sure this is not the Egyptian policy. Two countries at peace can have different views of the policy, but we will not attack individuals. I did not see the quotes of Deputy Minister Shazli, but I guess they must be misquoted."

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Perot files suit to join candidates' debate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Third party candidate Ross Perot filed suit yesterday seeking a court order barring US presidential debates without his participation. He argued that locking him out "will only deepen the nation's cynicism about government."

WASHINGTON (AP) - The lawsuit contends that the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates violated its own rules in barring Perot from participating in two scheduled presidential debates and Choate from participating in a debate of the vice presidential candidates.

Clinton: I'm no liberal

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Bill Clinton rejected Republican challenger Bob Dole's description of him as a liberal, saying his record proved otherwise. "The record doesn't support the charge," Clinton said yesterday at a White House ceremony when he was asked about Dole's latest salvo.

Typhoon veers off into northern Pacific; 7 dead, 3 missing

TOKYO (AP) - Tropical storm Violet lost steam yesterday as it headed over the northern Pacific, a day after it whipped through the Tokyo area with typhoon force, killing at least seven people and shutting down travel.

When Violet crossed Japan's main island Saturday and Sunday, 3,291 houses were flooded and 84 homes were either partly or totally destroyed, officials said. There were more than 200 landslides.

Sunday. Sixty international flights arriving at Narita International airport, northeast of Tokyo, were diverted to other domestic airports. Sunday, airport authorities said.

John F. Kennedy Jr. weds on secluded Georgia island

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The groom wore midnight blue and the bride wore pearl-colored silk at a wedding that was typical in every respect but one: the groom was John F. Kennedy Jr., a president's son who grew up to become America's most eligible bachelor.

by the groom's uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. "This is a time of special joy for all of us in the Kennedy family," the senior Kennedy said in a statement.

by the world's media until her death in 1994. Fascination with the family is such that an auction of their possessions - from golf clubs to costume jewelry - in New York earlier this year brought unprecedented prices and attention.

Dame of Izieu who sheltered Jewish children from Nazis dies

PARIS (AP) - Sabine Zlatin, founder of the Children's Home of Izieu where Jewish children hid from the Nazis until the refuge was raided by the Gestapo henchmen of Klaus Barbie, has died.



Actress Dorothy Lamour is shown in a scene from the 1952 film 'The Road to Bali' with Bing Crosby (left) and Bob Hope. Lamour died at Sunday at age 81.

Actress Dorothy Lamour dead at 81

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Actress Dorothy Lamour, best known for her role as the sultry, romantic sidekick in the string of Road movies starring Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, has died. She was 81 years old.

film, 'The Road to Singapore' in 1940, and she went on to make a series of Road pictures with the legendary comic duo. Apart from her Road movie roles, her career as a Hollywood star was relatively short-lived.

embarrassed to wear a bathing suit in the Miss New Orleans contest, and oow Paramount Pictures wanted millions of people to see me in a little strip of cloth. I'd throw a robe over my sarong on the set.



John F. Kennedy Jr. and his bride, Carolyn Bessette, leave the church after their wedding Sunday at a small private ceremony on Cumberland Island, Georgia.

Limousine tour retraces JFK's Dallas motorcade route

FOR \$25, you can sit in the back of an open-top limousine making its way through Dealey Plaza, hear the crack of rifle fire as you glide past the Texas School Book Depository and feel the car speed up as it roars through the underpass toward Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Lincoln restored to look like the 1963 model. Crute recreates the moment with piped-in sound effects and radio broadcasts from the day the president was shot. Crute, 34, gave up a career in sales to start the tour after seeing tourists wandering the assassination site.

MELISSA WILLIAMS DALLAS tasteless or tacky about history," he said. A large but understated monument to Kennedy sits on the grassy knoll at Dealey Plaza and two privately run museums are nearby - one on the sixth floor of the School Book Depository where tourists can peer out the window Lee Harvey Oswald fired from.

Ritting's husband, Andy, took the right rear seat, resting his elbow on the door like Kennedy. The taped sounds of cheering crowds ensued as the car proceeded from Love Field into downtown. The limo passed the former School Book Depository and headed downhill toward the underpass.

the freeway, goose bumps on Mrs. Ritting's bare arms. Taped sirens screamed as Crute raced toward the hospital, although, without a police escort, he couldn't recreate the speed of Kennedy's limo. At the Parkland emergency dock, the car stopped and the announcer described a priest giving Kennedy the last rites. Mrs. Ritting held back tears.

Princess Diana invited to breakfast at the White House LONDON (AP) - Princess Diana was set to join Hillary Clinton and 120 guests for breakfast at the White House this morning, while she is in Washington to raise funds for medical research.

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A revival of the Jewish spirit in Hungary

Michael Jordan observes the reopening in Budapest of Europe's largest synagogue

PETER Herz and a couple of his cronies, recent graduates of the all-Jewish Anne Frank High School, were back to their old routine September 6. They worked the younger crowd, schmoozing, outside Budapest's Dohany Street Synagogue, inside more than 3,000 dignitaries and spectators celebrated the re-opening of Europe's largest synagogue.

For 137 years the Moorish-style synagogue, with its twin onion-domed towers, mosaic floors and gold-leaf detail, has been a cornerstone of social and spiritual life for Hungarian Jews. "When I come here I see a place that I, my parents and grandparents have known so well our whole lives," said the pony-tailed 19-year-old. "It feels like home."

"Jewish leaders view its \$9 million restoration as a key first step — along with the long-awaited restitution to Holocaust victims — toward reviving a once-thriving Jewish community that was decimated by World War II and dismantled during communism. "This is not only the restoration of a building," said Robert Turan, director of the Budapest Jewish Museum, "but the restoration of the spirit."

The Dohany synagogue's reopening, after four years of work, was attended by a number of Hungary's religious, political and military dignitaries, plus former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and Hungarian-born US Congressman Tom Lantos. Several speakers noted its central role during the Nazi occupation of 1944.

Located on the rim of what was the Budapest ghetto, the bomb-damaged synagogue provided cover for a resistance movement operating through an underground tunnel that linked the

ghetto with the outside world. The building itself became a collection facility for Jews assigned to brutal forced-labor camps and later for those awaiting deportation to concentration camps.

"We remember our brothers who carried the burden and endured the suffering of the Jewish people and were brave enough to face the evil," said Shamir, who lost family in Poland. "At the same time, we feel happy because those who hate us have not managed to destroy us."

Hungary's wartime fascist government eagerly assisted the Nazis to liquidate the countryside of virtually all Jews. Nearly 600,000 of Hungary's 800,000 Jews perished in either death or labor camps, including 440,000 at Auschwitz. An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 Jews — some conceal their faith or are unaware of their Jewishness — now live in Hungary, mostly in Budapest.

And their relationship with the government is much improved. With the West applying pressure — and integration into Western institutions the focus of foreign and domestic policy — the state has made several conciliatory gestures toward its Jewish community. It financed 80 percent of the Dohany synagogue's restoration (besides pouring millions into restoring major Catholic and Protestant landmarks neglected during the communist era). Then when 250 pieces of Judaic treasures were stolen from the museum in 1993, Hungarian investigators spearheaded an international hunt for the loot, which was eventually recovered last year in Romania.

Most importantly, however, in June, the government became the first among its neighbors to iron out a framework for compensating Holocaust victims for the bil-

ions of dollars worth of property, businesses, artwork and jewelry confiscated or stolen during the war.

"We have seen the most monstrous brutality in human history unfold in Hungary and the region, and now there is a small, civilized token of a gesture in the opposite direction," said Congressman Lantos, a Jew who emigrated to the US soon after the war.

The 1947 Treaty of Paris obliterated Hungary — as opposed to Poland and Czechoslovakia, which did not side with the Nazis — to compensate the Jewish community for its losses. But the communists, who nationalized all private property in 1948, virtually ignored the treaty.

Soon after the political system changed in 1989, the government began to return to the public its property and distribute compensation coupons to be invested in Hungarian industry. Jews, however, were not singled out for their wartime losses, and the community took their case to Hungary's Constitutional Court.

In April 1993, the court ordered the state to fulfill its end of the Paris treaty. But the process only picked up steam last year, when the US and the European Union began to lean on the government. Some speculate that restitution is on a long list of preconditions for Hungary's entry into the EU.

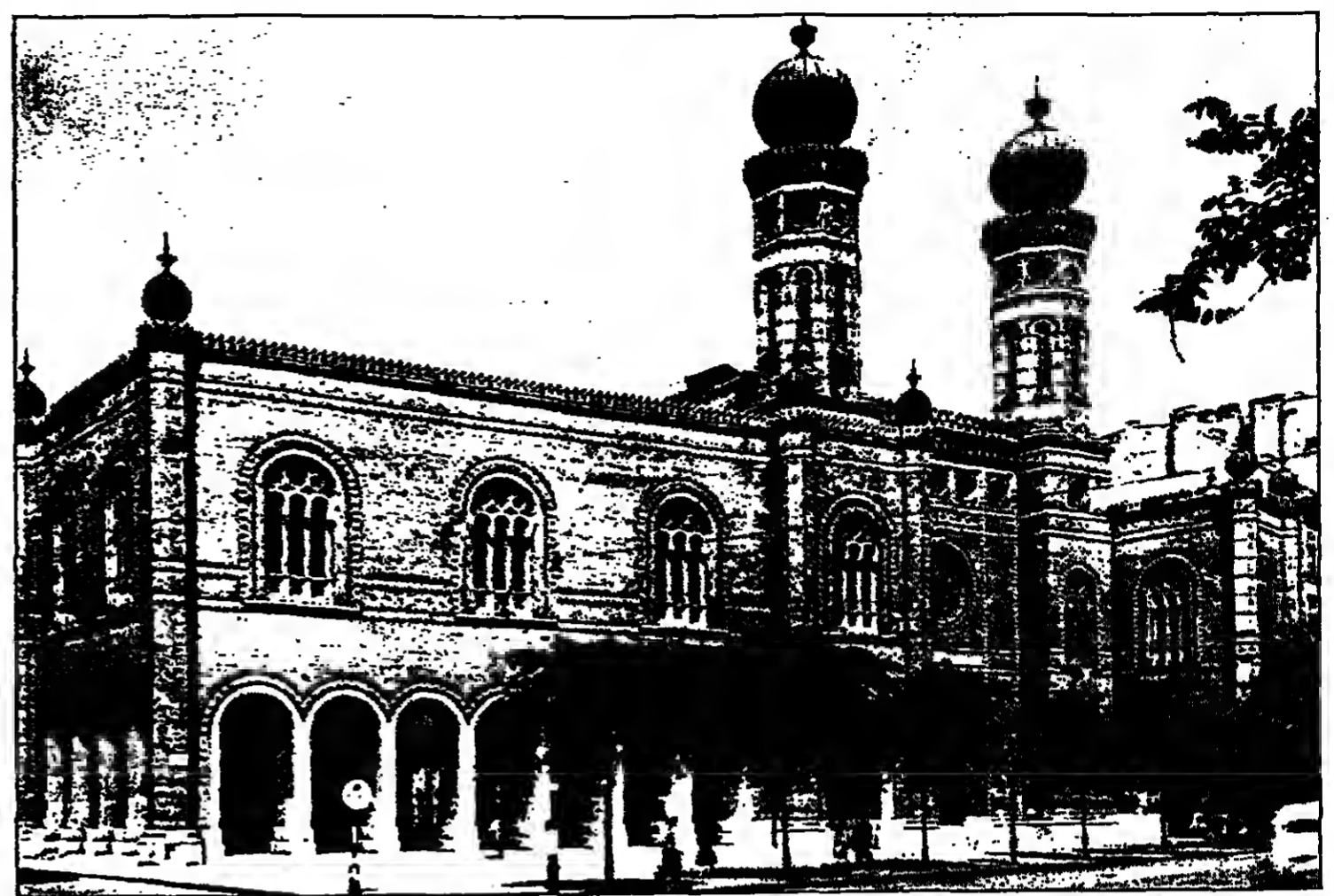
Erika Planko, who represents the Hungarian Ministry of Justice in negotiations with the Jewish community, conceded that lawmakers, in part, are looking to shore up Hungary's image. "We wanted to finally resolve this problem," Planko said. "It's important to us what Europe thinks."

Restitution, which the Parliament began discussing again Tuesday after a summer break, will be implemented over an indefinite period of time. It calls for lifetime annuities for some elderly, the gradual return of real estate, compensation coupons that can be converted into annuities, and cash. The most difficult task of ascertaining asset value lies ahead.

Payments will begin early next year, and \$4 billion Hungarian forints (\$27 million) has already been set aside for annuities. There are an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Holocaust survivors in the country, with a mean age of 74.

A board will be established to determine how and to whom the compensation will be allocated. The total figures are expected to run into the billions, still far less than what was lost, according to Jewish leaders.

But the community is sensitive to the country's woeful economic conditions and wary of inciting an anti-Semitic backlash if they insist on a seemingly excessive amount. "For the antisemites, even one forint is too much," said Peter Feldmajer, president of the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Hungary. "We've never said we want everything immediately, but we have a responsibility to all Hungarian Jews to rebuild Jewish life."



The Dohany Street Synagogue, with its distinctive twin onion-dome towers. (Schider MTI)

Three cemeteries rededicated in Poland



A rabbi, part of a contingent from the US and Israel, at the rededication of one of three cemeteries in southern Poland dating back to previous centuries and left neglected after WWII. They have been restored by the Nissenbaum Foundation. (AP)

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Packer, Murdoch vie for soul of Australian rugby league



AUSSIE GOLD - Kerry Packer, reputed to be the richest man in Australia, backs the Australian Rugby League.

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Tina Turner has already gone, thousands of fans have followed her, and a bitter and protracted civil war between two rival billionaires rages on.

Rugby league, once promoted with Turner's hit song *Simply the Best*, is hurching from one crisis to the next in Australia, the sport's biggest theatre.

Attendances have plummeted, one club with massive debts has been taken over by outside administrators while several others are considering amalgamation or relocation.

And while rugby league, for decades the dominant sport in the states of New South Wales and Queensland, struggles on, its chief competitors - rugby union and Australian Rules football - are thriving.

Now, with the biggest game of the rugby league season, the premiership grand final, looming on September 29, a sense of gloom and foreboding within league circles has replaced the widespread optimism of the early 1990s.

The sport is currently gearing itself for yet more disruption, with an imminent court ruling set to decide the fate of media tycoon Rupert Murdoch's plans for a breakaway Super League.

A legal victory for Murdoch will produce a permanent split with the defection of rebel clubs. A defeat would leave the Australian Rugby League (ARL), backed by media tycoon Kerry Packer, Australia's richest man, in control but with both sides nursing deep wounds.

"It's impossible to quantify at this stage but damage has been done," said ARL chief executive John Quayle. "The whole game is a victim of the Super League battle."

The current mood within Australian rugby league compares sharply with the optimism of the early 1990s.

In an inspired, if seemingly incongruous, choice, the ARL in 1989 employed Turner, an African-American rock 'n' roll singer with virtually no

knowledge of the game, to front their marketing campaign.

The gamble paid off spectacularly, producing a surge of interest for the next six years. Attendances and television ratings rose sharply.

But since Turner's departure in 1995 - the same year Murdoch and Packer first locked horns - everything has changed.

This season, rugby league crowds have plummeted. Crowds for one round of matches were down by 80 percent compared to the corresponding weekend in 1995, according to ARL figures.

Disillusioned by the long-running battle between Murdoch and Packer - who both see league as a vehicle to boost ratings for their various media outlets - a legion of fans have defected.

Australian Rules has reaped some of the benefits, attracting a record of more than five million spectators through the urnstiles this season.

To rub salt in the wound, Sydney Swans topped the regular season standings, gaining a massive following in the rugby league stronghold after years of being almost ignored.

Rugby union in Australia also profited with record crowds in its first year as a fully professional sport.

"Australian Rules have done very well and had a very successful year, and we've been caught by it," Quayle said. "And rugby union certainly ran off the problems we had."

Quayle said more clubs could join South Queensland Crushers in falling into financial trouble. Players at the Brisbane-based club have had to do without the bulk of their wages this season.

ARL chairman Keo Arthurson has conceded his organization is "under financial pressure" after newspaper reports claimed the league owed money to many of the 20 premiership clubs.

With the rugby league riches they coveted slowly ebbing away, Murdoch and Packer may be left with little worth fighting over.



REBEL ROUSER - Rupert Murdoch wants to form a Rugby Super League to rival the ARL.

Bad-to-the-bone: Dennis Rodman's prodigal father speaks out

ANGELES CITY, Philippines - This town of cheap hotels, go-go bars and tawdry discos used to bustle until dawn, but that was before nearby Clark Air Base, one of the biggest US military installations in Asia, shut down. Now, its vitality gone, Angeles feels like the end of the line, a place where characters who never quite fit into any of life's conventional niches somehow wind up. Characters like Philander Rodman Jr., basketball star Dennis Rodman's bad-to-the-bone old man.

Philander Rodman ran off with another woman when Dennis was a child, and hasn't seen his famous son since. He says he's been in and out of jail, and left the US Air Force under a cloud when he was accused of stealing military equipment. He runs a dingy bar called the Full House, and he has two Filipino wives, which he justifies because he says he's a Muslim. He has 27 children - the last born a month ago - "from four different wives and extracurricular activities," he boasts, swigging down a San Miguel beer. And at age 56, Philander Rodman says he plans to keep up his prolific pace of procreation. "I got some more babies left," he said, with some of his younger children gathered around him. "I'm shooting for 30."

That's what you call bad. Just plain bad. "They think Dennis is bad," Rodman said of his son, whose autobiography, *Bad as I Wanna Be*, has topped the bestseller lists this summer. "They ain't been around me... They ain't seen nothin'. I'm the bad one."

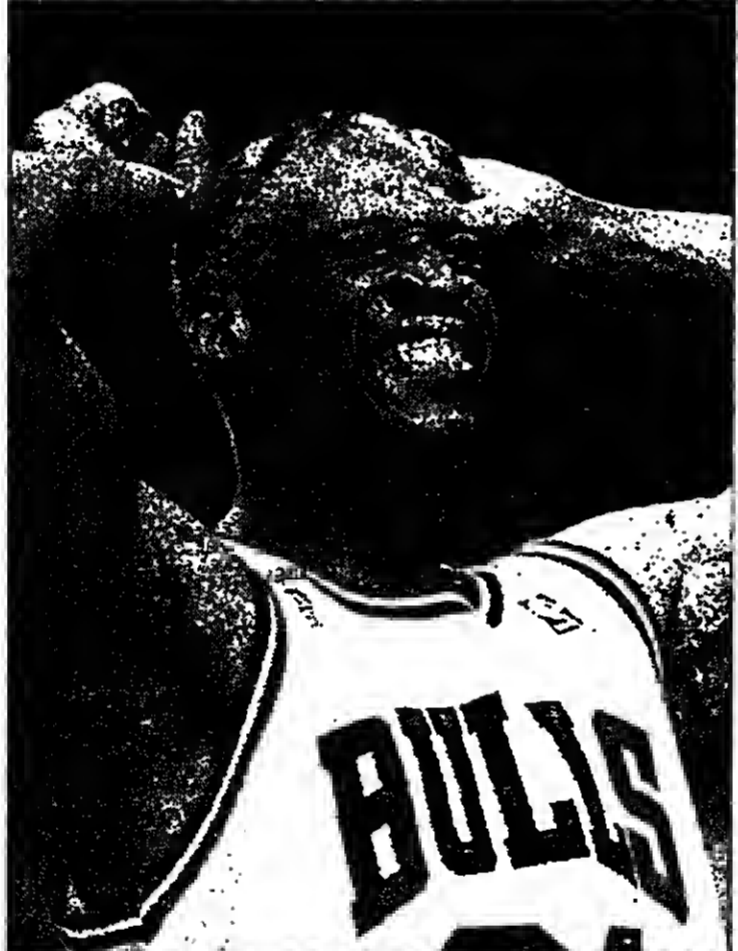
And you get the feeling he just might be right. Because of the famous son he abandoned, and because this country is crazy for basketball, Philander Rodman has become something of a local celebrity. During this year's NBA playoffs - in which his son's team, the Chicago Bulls, won the league championship - Philippine reporters trooped up here from Manila to interview him. He has been featured on Philippine television. He keeps a bulging file of the various articles that have been written about him. In *Bad as I Wanna Be*, Dennis Rodman writes of his absent father: "I haven't seen him in more than 30 years, so what's there to miss? I just look at it like this: Some man brought me into this world. That doesn't mean I have a father."

A *Sports Illustrated* profile from 1988, when Rodman was with the Detroit Pistons, quotes him as saying of his father: "He just disappeared one day. Haven't seen him since. ... I felt shut out not having a father, always having to look out for myself."

Philander Rodman said he now writes and sends faxes to Dennis constantly, asking to be able to see him again, but has never received a reply. He said he watches all the Bulls games he can, when they are televised here on ESPN or on local stations. "I don't ever plan to ask him for anything," Philander Rodman said of Dennis. "I didn't make the money - that's his money. I just like to look at (him) and say, 'That's my son.'"

"I understand Dennis's bitterness towards me," he said, explaining that his own father - Philander Rodman Sr. - abandoned him, leaving his family in Memphis to seek a better life up North. Philander Rodman said he divorced Dennis's mother in 1970, in Texas, and married the woman he was dating, a military chaplain's daughter, a week later.

That marriage lasted until 1977, and produced Philander Rodman III, who now plays basketball for the University of Idaho. (Shirley Rodman, Philander Rodman's first wife and mother of Dennis, confirmed her for-



mer spouse's identity in a telephone interview from Dallas.) "You want to change scenery every once in a while," Philander Rodman said of his love for different women. "You get tired of cake every day. You want pie!"

While he hasn't been around physically to have any impact on Dennis Rodman's life or career, he said he still sees much of his own rebelliousness and lack of conventionality in the flamboyant son who paints his hair and professes a fondness for displaying himself naked.

"You can't control me. You can't control him," Philander Rodman said. "When I see him talk, I look at me. When I see him walk, I look at me. When I read this," he said, holding up his ever-present copy of Rodman's book, "I'm reading about myself."

A half century on, Bradman regrets last innings' failure

SYDNEY, May 29 (Reuter) Sir Donald Bradman, cricket's most prolific batsman, has spoken publicly for the first time of his despair over the heartbreaking end to his illustrious career nearly 50 years ago, the Australian media reported.

Bradman, now 87, said he deeply regretted being dismissed without scoring in his final test innings for Australia, a failure that denied him a test average of 100.

"I am very sorry I made a duck," said Bradman, who needed to score only four runs against England in 1948 to become the only batsman to achieve the feat.

"I'd have been glad if I'd made those four extra runs to have an average of 100."

In what he has said is his last media interview, Bradman told the Channel Nine television network he was unaware of the situation as he walked to the wicket at London's Kennington Oval.

"I didn't know it at the time and I don't think the Englishmen knew it either," the normally reclusive Bradman said in the interview.

"I think if they had known it, they (the English team) may have been generous enough to let me get four," added Bradman, whose interview is his first for almost a decade.

Of the current generation, Bradman singled out Sachin Tendulkar for special praise, ahead of West Indies star Brian Lara, favorably comparing the Indian's technique to his own.

"Lara is probably more aggressive and takes more risks than Tendulkar but I feel Tendulkar plays much the same (way) as I played."

"I can't explain what it is in detail. It was just his compactness, his stroke production and his tech-



SIR DONALD NOW - Donald Bradman, photographed in the 1930s when he was at the peak of his powers.

nique," Bradman said.

During a career spanning 20 years and 52 tests, Bradman scored 6,996 runs at an average of 99.94. No batsman before or since has even threatened to equal the achievement.

In comparison, former Australia test captain Allan Border, the highest aggregate run scorer in history, scored 11,174 runs in 156 tests at an average of 50.56.

Bradman said he had no explanation for his feats, including scoring 300 runs in one day in a test match, elevating a number of other batsmen above himself in terms of ability.

"I saw many cricketers who had more ability than I had," Bradman said. "Why they didn't make more runs than I did, I don't know."

Little League Baseball a hit in Eastern European countries

KUTNO, Poland (Reuter) - "Three strikes and you're out" may sound like a tough new labor law to most eastern Europeans in the era of market economies, but those in the emerging Little League baseball capital of Kutno know better.

American Little League baseball has picked the city in central Poland as its European bridgehead and a competition last month showed that the sport is capturing the imagination of a generation born under communism and raised on soccer.

"Many said baseball would not catch on here, but we proved them wrong in a big way," said 11-year-old slugger Maciej Swinicki, who powered Poland to a fourth place finish in the European Little League baseball championship.

Swinicki, like thousands of baseball-struck pre-teens worldwide, dreams of reaching the annual Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, but for now he is delighted to be playing in the slick new facilities of Kutno.

"Williamsport is still a few years away for teams like us, but my dream has already come true by playing here," added the first baseman, who belted two home runs in the tournament.

Sleepy Kutno, 150 km (90 miles) west of Warsaw with 70,000 inhabitants, seems at first sight an unlikely venue in which to introduce to the youth of Europe to baseball.

The non-profit, Williamsport-based Little League Baseball Inc was lured here by an offer of free

land for 50 years on which to build its new, flood-lit stadium, which opened this year.

"We have a 50-year lease with the city of Kutno and have already built two fields. This year's tournament proves we can fill our 2,400-person stadium," said Little League's European director Frank Lupacchino.

The center has a \$6 million scheme under way to create three more playing fields and a hotel over the next few years. From now on it will host the annual final qualifying round for European teams seeking a place in the World Championships.

Lupacchino argues that Kutno is well situated for formerly communist countries where the sport seems set to flourish and is easily accessible from elsewhere.

He said that development programs in elementary schools and local clubs had already made regional players competitive against more-established opponents from western Europe and other areas, who often benefit from expatriate American players raised on the sport.

"Only a few years ago eastern European teams were lucky to get any runs or hits and now they are beating western European rivals with much longer exposure to baseball," Lupacchino said.

He said such success was due to pioneers such as Romanian coach Ioan Asoltanei, hailed by his team as the "Father of Romanian Baseball," who started programs and stirred interest in the American pastime soon after learning the game themselves.

Asoltanei, an elementary school gym teacher whose faded jeans, leather jacket and workboots are in stark contrast to the neatly pressed uniforms of other coaches, learned baseball's rules only two years ago at a tournament sponsored by the US embassy in Italy.

This month he guided his team, characterized by good defense, timely hitting and somewhat sloppy team play redeemed by flashes of brilliance, to third place in Romania's European championship debut.

"Baseball is fun and it's what American kids play," said 12-year-old Romanian star pitcher Iulian Dimoche, who had a 3-0 record in the tournament. He has played baseball for only two years.

"Our toughest game was undoubtedly against Poland. It was the first extra-inning game of the tournament and it was for third place," said Dimoche.

"If I get really good, I am going to play college baseball in the US," he said.

In the end of the week-long contest matching 10 sides, it was established teams from Saudi Arabia and Germany who competed for the chance to represent the European region in Williamsport.

"They still have a way to go, but you certainly can't judge the book by its cover with these eastern European teams, they are better than they appear," said Fred Williams of Atlanta, Georgia, whose son Brandon played on the team representing victorious Saudi Arabia in Williamsport.



TOPS IN THE EAST - Little Leaguers bring baseball to Poland, Romania.

Shahak says surprise Syrian moves unlikely

IT would be very difficult for Syria to surprise Israel with any action, since the defense establishment has good intelligence information, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said Sunday in Haifa's Ramham Hospital, where he and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai visited five soldiers wounded in last Thursday's clash with Hizbullah in southern Lebanon.

Lt. Itamar Yedid, who was seriously injured in the clash, was reported recovering after his surgery, and his condition was upgraded to satisfactory.

Lt. Tsur Parnas, one of the two soldiers killed in the clash, was buried Sunday in the military section of the Moshav Kidron cemetery. His funeral was attended by hundreds, including Mordechai and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine.

St.-Sgt. Zohar Mintz was buried Friday.

The chance of a clash with Syria "is not high in the short-term," Mordechai said, but added there are many elements that could influence the situation in the

longer term, and thus the defense forces are preparing for any eventuality.

"I hope we are alert and not complacent," Mordechai said, saying recent events on the Syrian-Lebanese border had put the army on higher alert.

Asked if there was a connection between the tensions with Syria and last week's clash with Hizbullah, Shahak said that "in Lebanon we have an ongoing war with Hizbullah, which continued last week and also [over the weekend], and I assume it will continue... The fighting in Lebanon is obviously in some fashion connected to the Syrian presence in Lebanon, and the support Hizbullah gets from the Syrians, but it's not correct to see a [direct] connection between the two things."

He reiterated this when asked whether the escalation in fighting with Hizbullah could lead to an escalation with Syria. "There are of course clashes that could broaden and lead to a situation that could lead to escalation, I believe this is not the current situation in southern Lebanon. (Tim)



Children ride their bicycles down Tel Aviv's Rehov Ibn Gvirol yesterday. (Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

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Job pact heads off planned nurses' strike

THE new year began with good news: An agreement on job slots signed by the hospital nurses union, the hospitals, and the Treasury's budget division has cancelled plans for additional nurses' strikes.

The government and the employers agreed to add 200 to 300 additional nursing jobs in the state hospitals not later than November 1. Additional job slots will also be added in hospitals owned by Kupat Holim Clalit and the Hadassah Medical Organization.

Long-term nursing standards will be set by a Health Ministry team, of which representatives of the union, the Finance Ministry, and the Civil Service Commission are to be represented. This team will finish its work within six months.

Last week, nurses held a one-day warning strike to protest against the lack of job slots and the existing nursing standards, which had been set in 1982.

After the signing on the eve of the fast, union chief Ilana Cohen said the agreement would ensure an adequate number of nurses on duty.

Health Minister Tzahi Haneghi welcomed the agreement and said he hopes other critical issues facing the health system would be solved soon.

JUDY SIEGEL

MDA treats 1,738 over Yom Kippur

MAGEN David Adom had his hands full over Yom Kippur, with 1,738 people treated, compared to 1,434 last year. About 150 were children who - taking advantage of nearly empty streets - raced on skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, and skates and injured themselves.

A seven-year-old boy was injured in the head when he was hit by an ambulance in Kfar Sava. He was taken to the Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva, where his condition was reported as stable.

Over 100 people fainted because of the fast and had to be revived, while 83 pregnant women were rushed to the hospital to deliver. Two women had their babies either at home or in the ambulance.

There were five incidents of ambulances hit by rocks thrown by children (none of them

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closed for the day.

It was reported that dozens of Israelis failed to make it home from Vienna for the holiday because Austrian Airlines canceled their flight, and they were unable to find another that would arrive before Ben-Gurion Airport closed for Yom Kippur.

As soon as Yom Kippur ended with the traditional shofar blowing, many people around the country could be seen bustling at work erecting their sukkot. In many places, markets for the traditional four species used on Succot also opened as soon as Yom Kippur concluded.

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haredi, according to MDA); these occurred in Zikhron Ya'acov, Netanya, and Pardesia.

In Netanya, a 40-year-old Ashdod woman suffered a fractured skull when she was hit by a stone while driving on the Coastal Highway. She was taken to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, where she was reported in stable condition following surgery.

The Machpela Cave in Hebron, which was open only to Jews for the day, was packed with Yom Kippur worshippers. Among them was administrative detainee Baruch Marzel, who ignored an order by OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan forbidding him from attending a public Kol Nidre service.

Rachel's Tomb, outside Bethlehem, was

Old-age home resident dies of food poisoning

A RESIDENT of the Saiva Tova old age home in Jerusalem's Bukharan Quarter died Sunday at Bikur Holim Hospital, apparently of complications from food poisoning.

Three other women residents of the home - all in their 80s - were also hospitalized. Two were much improved last night, while the third, who was admitted in serious condition, was somewhat better, hospital staff said.

The Jerusalem District Health Office was alerted to the prob-

JUDY SIEGEL

Prime minister and his wife attend Yom Kippur services

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara attended Yom Kippur services at the central synagogue in their Beit Hakerem neighborhood in Jerusalem.

The Netanyahus attended both Kol Nidrei and Ne'ila services, accompanied by security men.

Unprecedented security measures in the vicinity of the syna-

gogue included the erection of barricades on Sunday morning around the building, with parking also forbidden in the area.

Just prior to Kol Nidrei services Sunday evening, security guards could be seen on the street and on the rooftops of adjacent buildings, while high-powered spotlights lit up the plaza in front of the syna-

Palestinian Police shoot three during Nablus soccer riot

PA to investigate incident

NABLUS (AP) - Palestinian Police opened fire on angry soccer fans at a match here yesterday, sending three Palestinians to the hospital in serious condition from gunshot wounds.

One fan, a 27-year-old man from Tulkarm, was transferred to a hospital in Ramallah for surgery after a bullet hit his head. Two others were sent to another nearby hospital with gunshot wounds to the chest, hands and shoulder, hospital officials said.

Nablus's top military commander said a riot broke out after Tulkarm fans rushed onto the field after rival east Jerusalem scored a goal in the first minute of the second half of the match in the Nablus stadium. Tulkarm fans claimed the goal had been scored illegally and began to attack the referee.

"Fans threw bottles at the players and the referee and then began rioting on the field," said Mahmoud Aloul.

Aloul said Palestinian Police officers at the stadium then opened fire in order to break up the riot. He would not specify how many policemen opened fire but said he would open an investigation into the incident.

Meanwhile, residents in Tulkarm marched along the town's main street to the office of the police commissioner to protest the violence.

Winning cards

IN Sunday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, the seven of hearts, the nine of diamonds and the jack of clubs.

NRA: Don't cut off tree branches

THE Nature Reserves Authority is urging the public not to cut off tree and bush branches for use during Succot, and to refrain from damaging protected species.

Additional NRA inspectors will be on duty to prevent the cutting off of the branches for use as s'chach for succot or for the Four Species. In areas where palm trees, myrtle shrubs and willow trees grow, warning signs were posted asking that they not be damaged.

The chief rabbi, Eliahu Bakshid-Doron and Yisrael Lau echoed the NRA request, noting that stolen items are not permitted to be used during the holiday.

Heavy damage is done to trees and bushes each year, the NRA said, as branches are pulled off, sometimes in such a way that adjoining trees are also damaged. It often takes years for the trees and bushes to grow new branches.

The courts have recently stiffened the penalties for those caught destroying trees, with fines now reaching NIS 1,000 and jail terms of up to 60 days. Jerusalem Post Staff

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Beersheba man remanded for arson**
A Beersheba man was remanded for six days on Sunday by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court, on suspicion he set fire to his brother's apartment on Saturday. The apartment was heavily damaged, but no one was hurt.
- Police told the court that there had been a fight between the brothers about the apartment, which they had inherited from their parents. The suspect's lawyer told the court his client had set fire to the flat to prevent his brother from selling it.
- The attorney told the court his client had been under psychiatric care since 1960, and was undergoing drug rehabilitation.
- The judge, in ordering the remand, also ordered the man to undergo psychiatric evaluation. Itim
- AWOL prisoner robs bank, held in drug bust**
A man arrested during a drug bust in Lod Sunday for being in possession of 60 doses of heroin was discovered to have robbed a Tel Aviv bank only hours earlier.
- Police raided a suspected drug den in Lod after watching numerous people coming and going from the house. During the operation, a taxi drove up and two people got out and entered the home. The two were searched, and one was arrested after he was found to be carrying 60 doses of heroin.
- During questioning, police learned that not only was he a prisoner who had not returned from a leave from Damun Prison, but that he had robbed a Bank Hapoalim branch in Tel Aviv of NIS 6,000 only hours before. He had purchased the drugs with the cash from the heist, he said. Itim

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